

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

--The light stand 10 is generally a conventional tripod structure having a telescoping vertical support post 12 with a plurality of collapsible legs 14 that can be extended and retracted. The collapsible legs 14, and leg supports 16, are disposed on the telescoping vertical support post 12 in a well-known configuration. A handle 70 is disposed along the telescoping vertical support post 12, and may be fixed or slidable in position for good balance when carrying the light stand 10. An accessory-mounting fixture [[72]] 77, such as a post or "spud" commonly used for mounting photographic lighting accessories, is disposed on the top end of the telescoping vertical support post 12 as seen in Fig. 2.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

--The upper bracket member 36 and the lower bracket member 38 are hingeably joined together, with the hinge pin 52 engaged within the hinge bore 56, having the top surface 45 of the lower bracket member [[44]] 38 facing the bottom surface 41 of the upper bracket member. In a closed position, as seen in Fig. 3, the vertical edge 42 of the upper bracket member 36 comes into alignment with the vertical edge 46 of the lower bracket member 38. A fastener 74, disposed through apertures 43 and 47, holds the bracket members 36, 38 closed.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

--The collapsible accessory mounting fixture 60 illustrated in figs 6A and 6B comprises an outer sleeve 62 and an "L" shaped post or "spud" adapter 64 having one end slidably disposed in the outer sleeve 62. A slot 66 is formed in the outer sleeve 62 that allows the "L" shaped post 64 to be laid flat, or stood upright. When the "L" shaped post 64 is stood upright in a vertical position, the "L" shaped post 64 is slidable within the outer sleeve 62 to a position where an upright portion of the "L" shaped post 64 is engaged with the slot 66 will hold it upright so that the slot 66 holds the "L" shaped post 64 in the upright position. A spring 68 biases the "L" shaped post 64 to retain the "L" shaped post 64 once put into the upright position.--